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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the office action mailed October 28, 2004 in the above application. This response is timely in view of a petition to enlarge the shortened statutory period for response to the action submitted herewith, including the requisite fee.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-7 is respectfully submitted in view of the amendments and comments expressed in this paper.

AMENDMENT

Amendment to Specification

A Substitute Specification is submitted herewith as a separate document marked "SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION" in accordance with the suggestion made by the Examiner in the office action. **The SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION does not contain new matter.**

A marked-up version of the SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION is submitted herewith showing all changes made relative to the immediately prior version of the specification of record. The marked-up version shows all amendments made to the text in a manner consistent with Patent Office rules.